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SUBJECT: BURNS TRAVEL TO TOKYO

- 1. DOLLAR ADVANCED 8 TENTHS ON TRADE-WEIGHTED BASIS TODAY IN REACTION TO TREASURY ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOLD SALES. AT SECOND FIXING GOLD QUOTED \$168.55, DOWN \$6.10 FROM YESTER-DAY. TREASURY ANNOUNCEMENT ON GOLD SALES IS BEING MAILED TO YOU. SIX MONTHLY AUCTIONS OF 300,000 OUNCES ARE PLANNED. THEY WILL BE FOR DOLLARS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS OR FOREIGNERS, BUT NOT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR CENTRAL BANKS. FOR MONTHLY AUCTIONS BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER, TREASURY WILL CONSIDER SALES OF GOLD FOR MARKS AND MAY ALTER MONTHLY VOLUME. TWO OBJECTIVES WERE CITED: FIRST, TO REDUCE GOLD IMPORTS OR INCREASE EXPORTS; SECOND, TO CONTINUE PROGRESS TOWARD ELIMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ROLE OF GOLD.
- 2. DOMESTIC DEBT MARKETS WEAKENED SLIGHTLY FURTHER TODAY. THE 3-MONTH TREASURY BILL ROSE 4 BP TO 6.36 PCT. FEDERAL FUNDS TRADED AT EFFECTIVE RATE OF 6.95 PCT; THERE WERE NO UNCLASSIFIED

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DESK OPERATIONS IN THE MARKET. STOCK PRICES ADVANCED FURTHER, WITH DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS UP 6.50 TO LEVEL OF 815 ON VOLUME OF 43 MILLION SHARES. CHRISTOPHER

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